

Animal Facts:

Dolphins

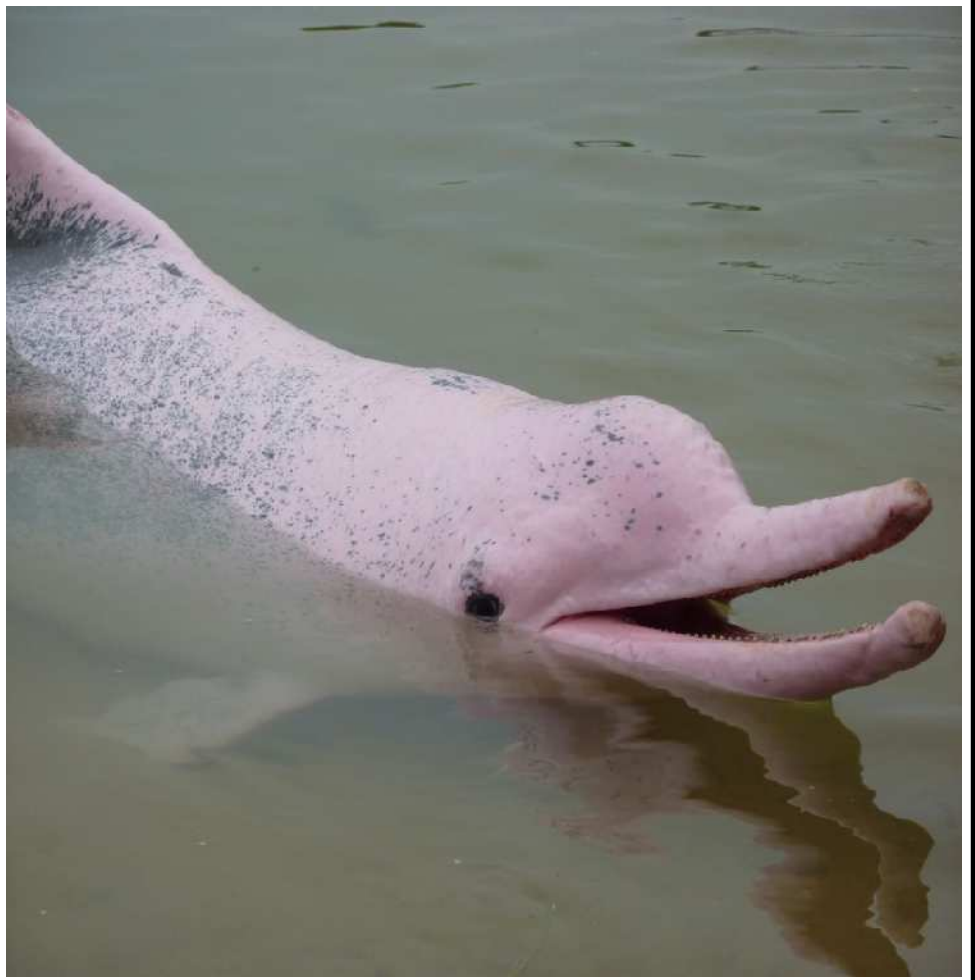
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Dolphins are sea creatures that belong to the same family as whales - the cetaceans.



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Dolphins are mammals, not fish. They are warm blooded, and mothers feed their young on milk.



There are two kinds of dolphin - marine (sea) dolphins (32 species) and the river dolphins (5 species).



Dolphins usually live in groups of 20 to 100 animals.



Dolphins look after each other. Often, they will support an injured companion on the surface.



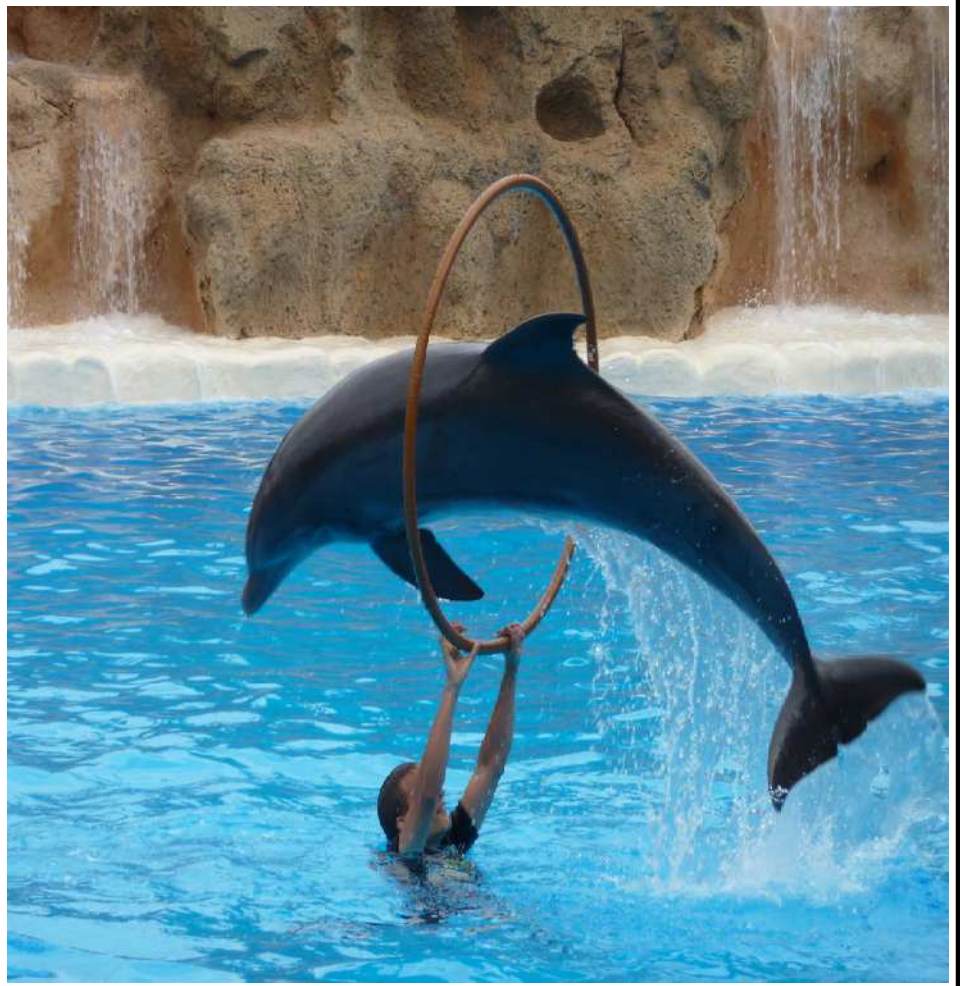
Dolphins communicate with high pitched clicks called phonations. Some clicks are higher than any other animal noise and humans cannot hear them.



Dolphins use sound to find things and can identify different objects even when blindfolded.



Dolphins can be trained to jump through hoops, toss balls, or walk backwards through the water on their tails.



Bottle nosed dolphins get their name from their short beaks (which also make them look like they are smiling). They are friendly and often swim near boats.



Dolphins have rescued drowning humans by pushing them to the surface.

